

[English]

Scarcity of Coal in Power Stations

3133. SHRI SANDIPAN BHAGWAN THORAT: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the stock position of coal in the power stations in the country during the months of January and February 1992 as compared to the corresponding period last year;

(b) whether the coal stock supply position is bad due to non-availability of financial support from the State Electricity Boards, and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to normalise the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The coal stock position of coal based thermal power stations in the country during January and February, 1992, as compared to the corresponding period of last year, is given below:—

(Figs. in '000' tonnes)

<i>Coal Stocks at the beginning of</i>		
	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
1991	3082	2685
1992	3541	3576

(b) There is no adverse impact on the coal stocks and supply of coal to thermal power stations because of the non-availability of financial support from the

State Electricity Boards.

(c) The position of quantity and quality of coal supply to various thermal power stations in the country is being regularly reviewed by a high level Committee and remedial action is taken by concerned organisations.

[Translation]

Opportunities on Akashvani/Doordarshan to Allopathic Doctors

3134. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether opportunities on Akashvani and Doordarshan are being provided to allopathic doctors, the public awareness about diseases and their cure;

(b) whether Government propose to provide similar opportunities to homeopathic and ayurvedi vaidas also;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). Opportunities are being provided by All India Radio and Doordarshan to Allopathic and Homeopathic Doctors and Ayurved Vaidas to participate in their health programmes.

Extraction of Lead and Zinc in States

3135. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA:
SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state: